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Kidder-Stacy Co. on Main Street in Agawam.

Kidder Stacy May Expand Outside Of Agawam

One of Agawam's largest and most prominent industrial firms is experiencing growing pains and unless the State Department of Public Works approves expansion plans, firm officials have told Town Manager Peter Caputo that they will look elsewhere to relocate.

Double Its Number

Kidder Stacy, a manufacturer of printing presses in this community for 27 years, told Caputo that the plant plans to double its number of employees from 240 to approximately 450.

According to plant vice-president Arthur Chevalier, the State DPW has asked Kidder Stacy to implement a massive land project to prevent drainage problems in the Main Street area.

Chevalier, however, claims that the state created the drainage problems on Main Street six years ago when it raised the road.

Chevalier said that because of costs, Kidder Stacy could not undertake such a project and will be looking for another site within a 10-15 mile radius of Agawam.

Caputo told the *Advertiser/News* that Kidder Stacy's topographical problems have been examined by both the town's Conservation Commission and Board of Appeals and were given the okay to expand.

Correct The Situation

Said Caputo of the situation, "The community will do everything in its power to keep Kidder Stacy within our boundaries. I have met with Mr. Chevalier on a number of occasions and told him that the town is in his corner and will do everything it can to correct the situation."

Kidder Stacy owns 4.59 acres on the site of its Main Street building and pays \$68,850 in taxes to the community. According to records in the town assessor's office, Kidder Stacy's building is worth \$1,113,750. Kidder Stacy also owns an additional 4.8 acres behind the Main Street plant.

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FBI Looking Into Library Funds, Local Officials Remain Confident

While the Federal Bureau of Investigation looks into possible misuse of funds in the construction of the \$806,000 Cooper Street Library, Building Committee members Richard Borgatti and George Bickford remain confident that the FBI investigation will put the issue to rest "once and for all".

Joining the Building Committee members in acknowledging that the FBI will uncover no cases of wrongdoing by the three member committee, is Town Manager Peter Caputo and Marilyn Curry, a member of the Library Review Board.

According to Caputo, published reports in the Springfield Daily News stating that town records under the James Westman administration have been subpoenaed by the FBI are "inaccurate".

Caputo said he and other officials have been visited by FBI Agent Joseph Adams earlier this week. He said town records were turned over to the FBI as a courtesy and to "help out with the investigation."

Commented Caputo: "No town records have been subpoenaed. The FBI was asking questions and to cooperate with them, we handed over information that will help."

The FBI began their investigation Monday upon the request of an anonymous party. The recently completed library, costing \$614,000 in federal funds, was the subject of a bitter debate between the Building Committee and a special Ad Hoc Committee of the Agawam Businessman's Association.

The ABA contended late last year that the Building Committee had not followed proper procedures during the construction process and asked Caputo for a municipal investigation.

Caputo appointed a five member Board of Review in January. The Review Board cleared the Building Committee of the charges.

The ABA condemned the Review Board's finding and told the *Advertiser/News* last spring that further action may be taken. ABA members Joseph Napolitan and Arthur Leary have denied making the complaint to the FBI.

Borgatti told the *Advertiser/News* he was happy that the FBI is investigating the library's construction. "Now we can put this thing to rest once and for all," he commented.

Borgatti said the FBI probe was a case of a "federal agency following through with a complaint when federal funds are involved."

"It's the FBI's responsibility to conduct such an investigation. I talked to Mr. Adams and he was very pleasant and asked some basic questions."

The Building Committee member scored the person or persons responsible for not stepping forward to

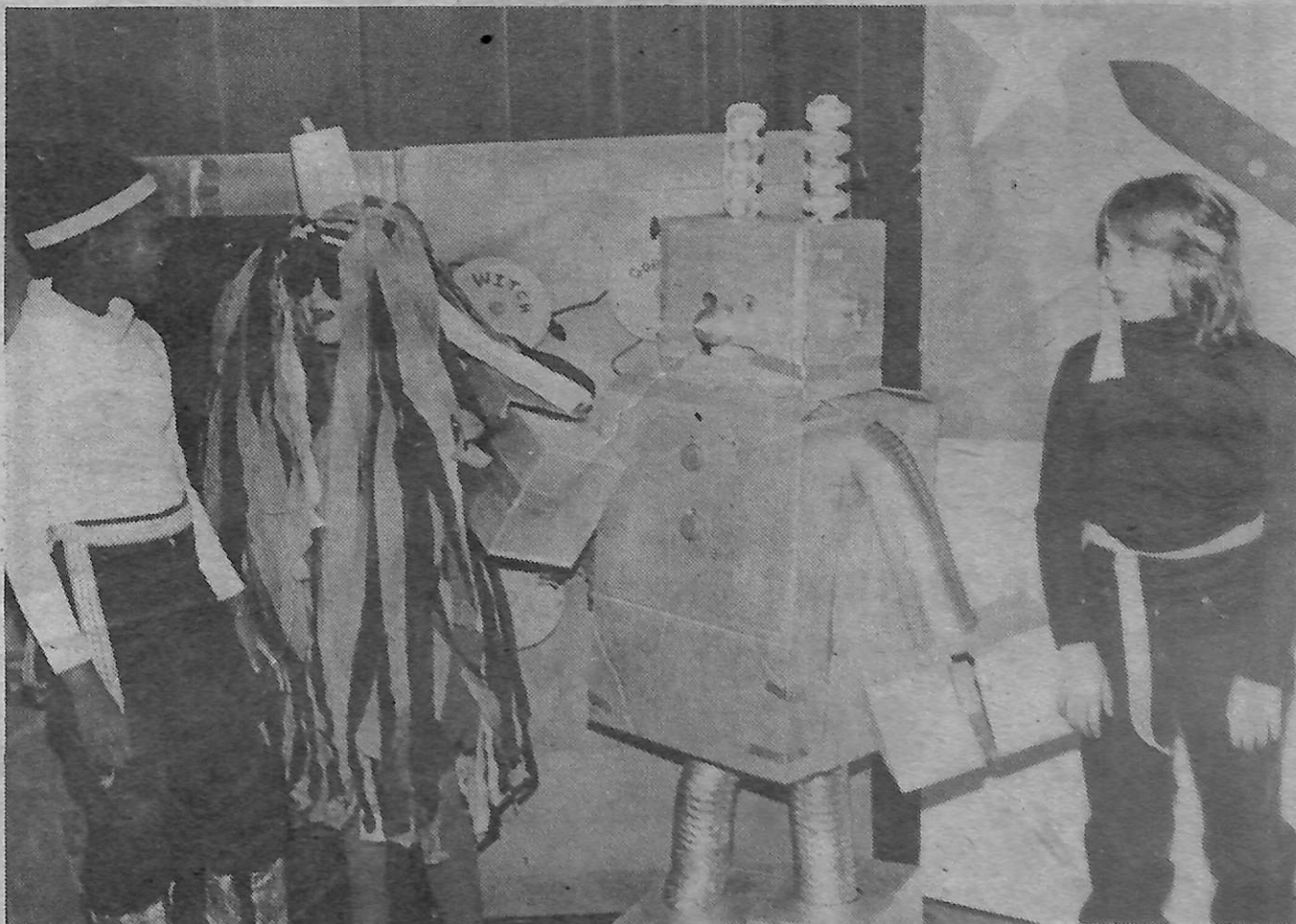
"look the community in the eye."

Bickford echoed Borgatti's sentiments. He said: "We didn't do anything wrong and we followed the proper procedures. Bickford accused Leary as the individual who requested the FBI investigation."

Caputo said the matter was closed when the Board of Review exonerated the Building Committee last spring.

He observed: "The Review Board did their job in a responsible manner and found no wrongdoing at all. I'll stick by them and their finding," he remarked. "The

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Amy Golemo, Maria Rhodes, Stacy Piccoli and Stephanie Douglass rehearse a Halloween play at Robinson Park School. *Advertiser/News* photo by Jack Devine

SCHOOL NEWS

School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, Nov. 5: Pizza w/ mozzarella cheese topping, tossed garden salad w/ spinach greens and dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, spiced applesauce, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 6: Hamburg on roll, oven French fries, broccoli w/ lemon butter sauce, orange jello, milk
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Baked pork chopette w/ pineapple garnish, mashed potatoes, buttered diced carrots, whole wheat bread & butter, chocolate cake w/ vanilla icing, milk
Thursday, Nov. 8: Chilled juice, baked hamburger & macaroni in spaghetti sauce, buttered Italian bread, sliced green beans, school baked cookies, milk
Friday, Nov. 9: Oven baked turkey cutlets w/ applesauce garnish, whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, dinner roll w/ butter, ice cream cup, milk

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, Nov. 5: Hot dog on bun, French fries, garden salad w/ dressing, chilled pineapple, milk
Tuesday, Nov. 6: Turkey sandwich w/ lettuce, Brian potatoes w/ catsup, fresh carrot and celery sticks, oatmeal cookies, milk
Wednesday, Nov. 7: Meat sauce w/ shells, buttered carrots, Fench bread w/ butter, chilled applesauce, milk
Thursday, Nov. 8: Hamburger on bun, cheese cubes, buttered mixed vegetables, vanilla pudding w/ topping, milk
Friday, Nov. 9: Chilled orange juice, tomato rice soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, dessert (cook's choice), milk

Phelps PTO Bake Sale

The annual Phelps P.T.O. Bake Sale will take place in the school auditorium on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th. All are invited to stop in and pick up some home-baked goods.

Danahy PTO To Hold Voting Day Bake Sale

The Danahy School PTO would like to remind all voters that the annual Bake Sale will take place in the school cafeteria on election day.

Homemade cookies, pies, cakes and breads will be available at our fundraising event. Coffee and doughnuts will also be on hand.

We need your patronage and the candidates need your votes. So help us both out on November 6th.

November Happenings At Agawam Library

Ongoing presentations of the International Year of the Child story hours will continue at the Agawam Library on Thursdays through November 15th from 4 to 5 p.m.

On Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., the library will sponsor Free Film Night presenting one-hour programs of general interest films for children and adults on the following schedule: Nov. 7 - Flash, The Teenage Otter, a Disney film featuring nature's great comedian in adventures in the wild; Nov. 14 - White Mane, a classic film about a young French boy who longs to own a wild stallion; Nov. 21 - Hawaiian Special, a tour of Hawaii featuring surf riders, pineapples, and fiery volcanoes; Nov. 28 - The Hound That Thought He Was A Raccoon, which depicts the life of a hound dog adopted by a raccoon family who never forgets their friendship.

Children's Book Week runs from November 12 through 17 and a special show featuring the Bennington Puppets has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th, to celebrate this special week.

Library To Sponsor Special Book Week Program

In celebration of Children's Book Week, November 12 through 17, the Agawam Library will present a special program on Tuesday, November 13th, featuring the Bennington Puppets.

This professional troupe of puppeteers will offer a performance of the Russian folk tale *The Firebird*, complete with sets, music, and elaborately costumed marionettes.

Show time will be 4 p.m., and performance is open to all Agawam children aged 5 and up. Tickets are now available at the library circulation desk.

Agawam Senior Center

11/5: Manicotti, lettuce, apple crisp
 11/6: Oven-baked chicken, corn, parsleyed rice, pears
 11/7: Lamb patties, mashed potatoes, cabbage, jello
 11/8: Quiche lorraine, spinach, tomato juice, pudding
 11/9: Batterfry fish, shredded potatoes, carrots, cake
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The annual flu shots will be given November 7th from 9-11. Please note change of time. Call in for your reservation.

Hypertension Clinic - Nov. 6th.

Dr. Haynes Foot Clinic - Nov. 7th.

Remember our annual bazaar on November 10. We would appreciate whatever you can contribute towards the Bake Sale or Food Sale or your White Elephants. There will be free coffee so you won't get tired browsing and buying all the beautiful things that are made here at the center. Bring your friends and family!

Golden Agers Meet

The Agawam Golden Age Club held its regular monthly meeting on October 24 at the Senior Center on Wright Street with 188 present.

Edith Graham presented their 11 birthday people with a beautiful cake she had baked, and free bingo was played after the meeting. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

On November 7th, they will hold their anniversary party at St. Anne's Country Club on Shoemaker Lane starting at 11 a.m. After the dinner, they will be entertained by the Bell Ringers from the Springfield Golden Agers.

They will be hono?ed by the attendance of their only two living organizers of the club which was begun 23 years ago - Joan Danforth and Barbara Hodges.

Flu Vaccine Available

Flu vaccine will be available for those over 60 years of age and those with chronic conditions, such as cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, or metabolic disorders. The clinic will be held at the Senior Center on Wright Street, Agawam, on November 7th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Trivalent vaccine will be administered.

Those with allergic reactions to eggs and egg products should not have this vaccination.

The clinic will be run with the approval and under the supervision of Dr. Doering.

For further information, please call the Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242 or 243.

Elder Affairs Secretary At Senior Center

Secretary of Elder Affairs Thomas H.D. Mahoney will attend a reception at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, November 8th from 2 to 4 p.m.

This reception will be sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging. Members of the 80 councils in Western Massachusetts will attend this reception.

Secretary Mahoney took over as the head of the State Department of Elder Affairs in June after the short tenure of two previous secretaries in the King administration. He is a former legislator from Cambridge and a professor of history on leave from M.I.T.

Secretary Mahoney will speak to the gathered assembly regarding the D.E.A.'s role in working with C.O.A.'s.

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Judgement Day For Manager Charter, Caputo

by Ric Sardella

No one in Agawam knows better than Peter Caputo what is at stake November 6. It's just not a charter change for this community, but a change that if made, will cost him his job—a job he has held for some 20 months.

With the presence of a strong mayor referendum at the ballot box, the entire municipal framework as it presently stands will be thrown out the window if accepted by the electorate.

A lot has happened to Peter Caputo since he first arrived to the executive seat at town hall from a similar position in Schenectady, New York in February, 1977.

Replaced Westman

Caputo was selected to replace James D. Westman, Agawam's first town manager and a man who was on the firing line by councilors and citizens throughout a stormy five year tenure.

Caputo often claimed he brought "peace to the valley" during his initial 15 months at the executive helm. And indeed, he did.

But that is passe. Peter Caputo has been a man under seige since early last summer.

It first began with accusations by former councilor Floyd Landers who accused Caputo of being involved in a patronage deal with veteran councilor Kenneth Barnes. Caputo had appointed Barnes' daughter to a position in the Parks Department.

Landers demanded Caputo's resignation. The manager answered that the charge was absurd and claimed the so-called pro-mayor faction was behind the entire scheme to discredit him.

While Caputo weathered his first major test in office without much strain, the next salvo against him has become the focal point of the people who support a mayor/council charter—Caputo was accused last August of falsifying the academic portion of his resume by resident Dermont Desmond and council-at-large candidate Valentine Moreno.

Instant Scandal

The flap over Caputo's resume became the talk of the town—it was an instant scandal. The name Rochdale College, a diploma mill in Ontario Canada where Caputo had years before forwarded acquired administrative and educational credentials for a BA degree, soon became a household and coffee shop item of debate.

The Town Council voted 12-0 on August 23 to retain Caputo as manager, stating that his resume was a product of "human error."

The vote was also viewed as a display of confidence for the manager. The council accepted Caputo's statement that he "never lied to the council" and reaffirmed their belief that the man is a good administrator with 23 years of municipal experience behind him.

Last Friday afternoon, Caputo was in a reflective mood about the incident while he sat back in his administrative chambers in Town Hall.

Sounding Block

He said the resume issue has become a major sounding block for those proponents of a mayoral charter. He added that it's just not Peter Caputo on the line but also a form of government which has proven effective, if given a chance.

"It's really not Peter Caputo who is on the line but the entire system that governs this town," he said.

"Managers are just people and will make mistakes in judgement. This form of government is still sound and we're giving people in town a professional service in an effective manner."

The manager readily acknowledges that the resume issue has clouded the manager-mayor debate. He said voters must decide between a professional system under a manager or a more politicized system under a mayor.

He declared that he has not ducked the resume question since Moreno and Desmond presented their investigation of his past before the public eye. He flatly said: "I don't ever think that the resume thing is going to die down. But I've served in every position with distinction and my strongest point is that I've worked through the ranks over the years. I believe my record in Agawam will be carefully reviewed by the townspeople before they vote. I believe they will also carefully consider the manager charter as opposed to the mayor."

Gave Town Tax Cut

Indeed, Caputo has made a number of marks on the community. He promised residents a tax cut and handed them a \$4.00 cut with the cooperation of the council during their budget proceedings.

Under his roads improvement program, 24 streets have been paved -- streets that were in a mess when he first arrived.

While his appointment of Stanley Chmielewski to Police Chief was immediately taken to court by former selectman Walter Kerr, for what Kerr claimed a violation of an advisory referendum that supported placing the Police Chief under civil service, the department is slowly but surely solving the many internal problems that have plagued it over the years.

"When I first came I knew a top priority was getting the police department in order and I think that is happening," he stated.

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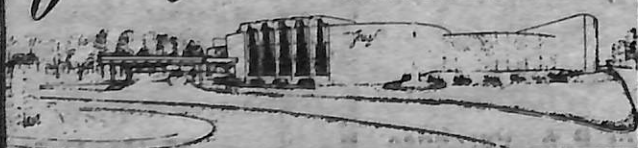
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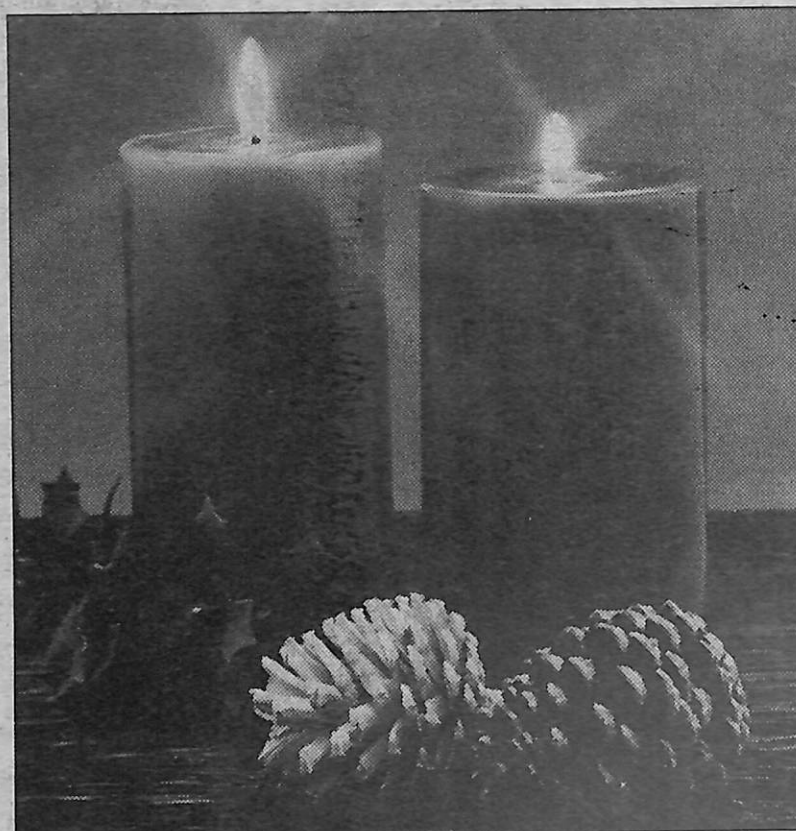
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Ann Goonin Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Duncan

Married Saturday, October 20, 1979, in the Storowton Village Church, West Springfield, were Sharon Lynn Cusson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Cusson of 296 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, and Gordon Mitchell Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Duncan of 6313 Stillwell, Houston, Texas.

Attendants were Lori Ann Chandler, maid of honor, and Andrea Ciak. Stephen D. Vick served as best man with Reuben Olivo acting as groomsman.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Northeastern Christian Jr. College, Villanova, Pennsylvania. She continued her music education degree at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas.

The groom graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School, Houston, Texas, and served six years in the U.S. Navy Nuclear Submarine Force as an electrical operator. He is currently employed as an industrial electrician in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Irvin Goonin of 35 Dorwin Drive, West Springfield, has announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of his daughter, Ann Goonin of Agawam, to E. John Branton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Branton of 225 Linden Street, Pittsfield.

Miss Goonin is a 1976 graduate of West Springfield High School and is currently employed as an accountant secretary at Premoid Corporation of West Springfield.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Taconic High School, is currently employed as a machinist by Hi-G Company, Inc. of Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The couple will reside in Agawam after their November 25th wedding.

Sacred Heart Bazaar Scheduled

The annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will be held on November 9th from 6 to 9 p.m. and on November 10th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Parish Center.

This special event has something for all ages to enjoy. Why don't you get your Christmas shopping done early? The public is cordially invited, and refreshments are available. Remember the raffle - you might win a Christmas present!

It is with gratitude that the president of the Rosary Altar Society acknowledges the tremendous work of so many people under the leadership of the following: Bazaar Co-Chairpersons - Julia Zajchowski and Martha Draghetti; Toys, Penny Martineau; Christmas Booth, Rose Mercadante and Ethel Dumond; Candy Booth, Odette White and Aileen Abbey; Bake Booth, Dolores Morassi and Mary Spinelli; Refreshments, Velia DiBasio and Jean Rose; Jewelry Booth, Lee Dion and Mary Davis; Country Store, Sue Stefanik, Theresa Barlow, Martha Draghetti, Jenny Juzba, and Marie Vecchiarelli; Curiosity Shop, Vera Conway; Soliciting, Trudy Beavis; Raffle, James Griffin; and Decorations, Father Joseph Flood.

F.H. Women's Club Reminders

The Feeding Hills Women's Club's November meeting will be the trip to the Coachlight Dinner Theater. There will be no formal meeting at the Grange Hall.

A reminder that the December meeting will be at Heritage Hall for the annual bazaar and mitten tree.

St. David's Bazaar Slated

St. David's Annual Bazaar will be held this year on November 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. and November 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the chairmen this year are Ruth Littlefield and Eunice D. Johnson.

In addition to the Saturday luncheon (11:30 to 1:00), there will be a Silver Tea in the newly-completed Smith Room. Toys and games, knit goods, hand-sewn items, Christmas decorations, tag sale and baked goods will be available. New this year will be an "Elegant Mistakes" table.

PWP Plan Regional Council

The November conference for Parents Without Partners Tri-State Regional Council will be held November 3rd and 4th at the Rodeway Inn in Chicopee.

Both Saturday and Sunday include workshops on publicity, fundraising, and chapter management for leaders of PWP in the three-state region.

The program includes activities for children and a program for adults beginning with dinner on Saturday evening. With a six-piece band, the PWP dance will start at 9 p.m. and is open to PWP member, their guests, and prospective members.

The Tri-State Regional Council assists Parents Without Partners chapters to carry out the role of the organization as a social and educational family group for single parents and their families.

D.A.R. Plans Meeting

The Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Tuesday, November 6th at 12:30 at Faith Church, Springfield.

For the American Indian program, Mr. John Petrola, curator for anthropology at the Springfield Science Museum, will speak on "Indians in the Connecticut Valley." The American Heritage Corner will feature Indian artifacts.

Mrs. John C. Sevey will be in charge of refreshments.

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ing triple-balance, and so much more.

And, if all that isn't enough, Art Linkletter returns to the Civic Center to work with the 'kids' he loves to call "... his own."

So, remember the date, Saturday, November 10 at the Springfield Civic Center. It's a fabulous performance you won't want to miss.

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Bertha Fadden 100 Years Old

Bertha G. Fadden, a resident of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agawam, celebrated her 100th birthday on October 25, 1979, with members of her family and friends along with the staff and residents of the nursing home. Family members traveled from near and far to join in this celebration.

Also stopping in to wish Bertha a happy birthday were Town Manager Peter Caputo, Town Council President Richard Theroux, Chief of Police Stanley Chmielewski, and a visiting inspector of police from Belfast, Ireland.

It was a joyous occasion for Bertha and her family.

Community Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, November 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

During the business meeting, the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of candidates. The first degree will be worked by the regular officers with Pauline Sosnowich as master. The second degree will be conferred by a special team of grange members.

A report of the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Grange will be given by Pauline Sosnowich and Florence Blish, delegates to the convention in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

A social hour will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Margaret Ruckstuhl is chairman of the refreshment committee assisted by Mrs. Henrietta Daigneault.

A rehearsal for the degrees has been called for Sunday, November 4th at 6:30 o'clock. All persons involved are requested to be present.

Mass. Citizens For Life Plan Bazaar

The Southwick chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold its annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 1st from 9 to 4 at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. All types of crafts for holiday giving will be displayed. Refreshments will be served and Santa will be there to greet all.

Tables at \$10.00 per are available for rent. Please contact Mrs. Robert (Janet) Gravel at 568-3120 or Mrs. Denis (Melonie) Charbonneau at 569-5495 for further information.

Daughter Born To Clouses

Mr. and Mrs. David Clouse of 20 Woodside Drive, Agawam, recently welcomed their first child, a daughter named Wendy Ann, who was born on October 27, 1979, and weighed in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gallerani of 361 Suffield Street, Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clouse, formerly of Agawam, now residing in Florida.

Rainbow Girls Schedule Bazaar

West Springfield and Agawam Rainbow Girls Assembly 79 will hold a Holiday Bazaar on November 10th at the Masonic Hall, Elm Street, West Springfield from 3 to 7 p.m.

Baked goods, Christmas shop, handcrafts, white elephant items, and door prizes will be featured.

A turkey dinner at 5:00 p.m. will be served with tickets set at \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. For reservations, call 789-0641 or 732-7622. Everyone is welcome.

Polish Women To Hold Holiday Fair

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club will hold their annual Holiday Fair in the pavillion at 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, on November 9th and 10th.

Co-Chairmen for this event are Mrs. Wanda Adamski and Mrs. Teresa Charkiewicz. Club President Julia Kosikowski is honorary chairman.

Time is Friday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 4 p.m.

Featured are baked goods, handmade and knitted goods, attic treasures, decorating ideas and candle booth and candies. Refreshments will also be sold.

Members chairing booths are as follows: Candles and Decorations, Mrs. Elaine Duga; Baked Goods, Miss Sue Adamski; Candies, Mrs. Kay Nieroda; Handmade Goods, Mrs. Mary Labun; Attic Treasures, Miss Kathy Sliech; and Refreshments, Mrs. Sandy Haskins. Posters have been made by Julie Ann Kosikowski.

Mothers Of Twins Club Schedules Meeting

Members of the Hampden County Chapter of the National Mothers of Twins Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, November 5th at 8 p.m. at the Greater Springfield Association of the Blind, 910 Liberty Street, Springfield.

The guest speaker will be Dr. W. Marvin Daehler, who is affiliated with the UMass Psychology Department and the Child Study Center in Springfield. His topic will be "Thinking and Problem solving in Very Young Children." He will discuss the results of his research program carried out with children from 1 to 4 years of age on memory and attention. Dr. Daehler is an identical twin.

Items for the Thanksgiving Basket will be collected. Plans will be made for the Children's Christmas Party to be held Sunday, December 9th, from 2 to 4 p.m. and restricted to paid-up members and their children. (Dues are \$5.00)

Members may exchange coupons at the meeting. There will be a craft and exchange table, and refreshments will be served.

All mothers of multiples are welcome and invited to contact Kathy Mouchantat, membership chairperson, 159 Green Hill Road, Longmeadow.

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Agawam Man Will Play "Bogey"

A comedy by Woody Allen, directed by Arnold Woods, will be staged this weekend and next at the Hampden Country Club in Hampden by the Agawam Repertory Theatre.

The dinner and show event is slated for November 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, but the November 8th production has already been sold out. Price for this event is \$13.

The show alone will be presented on November 1 and 4 at a price of \$4.00.

For reservations, call Helen at 786-7047 or Irene at 786-9281.

Feeding Hills Church Slates Chicken Pie Supper & Bazaar

The annual Chicken Pie Supper of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be served at the church on North Westfield Street on Saturday, November 10, with continuous servings from 7 to 7 p.m.

The menu includes chicken pie, mashed potato, squash, boiled onions, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls, beverage, apple and squash pies.

Tickets for adults are \$3.75 and for children 6-12 \$1.25. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Sydney Granger, 786-2454, or Mrs. Orville Burt, 786-2369. Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. Perry McCobb are co-chairmen of the kitchen with Miss Linda Taylor as hostess in the dining room.

Before and during the supper, a bazaar featuring home-baked goods, Christmas gifts and decorations, aprons, books, and plants will take place. Mrs. George Kopy and Mrs. Lyman Hastings are in charge of the bazaar.

NAWIC Chapter 115 Plans Monthly Meeting

"Heat Pumps" will be the topic of guest speaker Walter A. Rochford, senior energy consultant of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, at the November dinner meeting of the National Association of Women in Construction Chapter 115 of Greater Springfield.

The meeting will be held at the Western Mass. Electric Company building on Brush Hill Road, West Springfield, on Tuesday, November 13 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Members are requested to be there by 6 p.m.

President Amelia Witkop will preside at the business meeting. Any woman working in construction-oriented positions who may be eligible to join our organization is welcome to attend.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Alfred Casella of North Street, Suffield, Connecticut, no later than November 7th.

Mended Hearts Group Meet

There will be a meeting on November 7th at 7:30 p.m. of the Mended Hearts of Greater Springfield, Chapter 37, at the Red Cross Chapter House, 275 Maple Street, Springfield.

Guest speaker will be Alice Emerich, nutrition education consultant for the New England Dairy and Food Council. She will speak on "The American Diet - How do You Cope?"

Pre- and post-open heart surgery patients and family are welcome.

Safe Driving Awards Presented

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge has presented 17 Safe Driving Awards to local letter carriers.

Receiving awards were Edward Frighetto, 17 years; David Howe and John Farrington, 16 years; Theodore Cusson, 15 years; Peter Annone and Edward Cabral, 14 years; Thomas Danford, 11 years; Frank Cahill, Mario Delucci, Edward Landry, Louis Veronesi, 10 years; Alfred Berard, Robert LaViolette, 9 years; Brendon Cloran, Charles Gaudini, 7 years; Joseph Avonti, 6 years; and Chester Szymczyk, 2 years.

DeForge said that the local fleet has traveled 120,000 miles the past two years without an accident and will be awarded a plaque from the National Safety Council.

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On his appointment of Chmielewski, he commented, "Stanley was the only candidate to come in and state what he wanted to do for the community. He has fulfilled the town's expectations."

Wanted Local Person

"I wanted to appoint a local person to the chief's position. I thought using civil service was not the correct road to go. We're all interested in what's best for the community and that's why I made the decision."

Another burning issue the manager has been criticized for is his handling of the flap between the Library Committee and the Agawam Businessmen's Association. The bitter controversy was recently revealed as being in the hands of the FBI. The federal agency is looking into a "possible misuse of funds" by the building committee.

On that subject he responded, "Most of those decisions on the library were made long before I arrived. I thought by appointing a citizen's committee (Board of Review) to investigate was a responsible thing to do and I'll stick by that decision."

Backed Business Park

Caputo's support of the \$55 million Beltrandi Business Park also drew harsh criticism towards his office. He said that he was simply expressing an opinion on what he believed to be a sound business investment for the community's economic well-being.

Caputo maintains a posture of running the community as a business. He calls himself "an executive housekeeper in the business of providing services." He contends that with the present government, the elected council is making policy decisions and not an appointed manager.

"People are receiving the proper representation through their elected officials. I carry out their policies," he explained. "If the voters place all the authority in a mayor, they will actually be taking away some of their own power. The council won't have much authority under a mayor. Many policy decisions in this town are influenced by the electorate through the present strong council."

Caputo said that a manager charter is best suited for a community such as Agawam. He remarked, "Agawam is small enough at this point so it does not need a political machine running it. We can provide services and direction to the community in a more effective manner than a mayor could."

The manager said he does not support the proposed manager/at-large council charter. "I believe that precinct representation is the best way for the voters to reach my office and their council. At-large elections will take strength away from the council."

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Recently, my backyard was visited by a specie which had not as yet appeared there. I could logically have expected to see a yellow-shafted flicker before this time, but, in fact, had not.

Of the nine species of woodpeckers to be found in the eastern United States, the flicker is the only brown-backed one and is the only one known to spend any significant amount of time feeding off the ground. The bird was a male as evidenced by the black mustache he sported which is lacking in the female.

The flicker is a large bird, measuring about a foot in length and just doesn't fit into one's general conception of woodpecker. He does have dark bars and spots and the needle-like nose we expect, but the large size and ground-feeding habits tend to make us disbelievers.

But the flicker is a woodpecker and this fact is more easily seen in the spring when the bird begins courtship and mating rites. A lovesick flicker will drill upon a tree to warn other males of his presence and to attract a mate. He uses his sharp beak to drill a hole in a dead tree branch to make a nest. The flicker will use man-made houses in which to nest and will often fight with starlings for their possession. Flickers have also been known to announce their intentions by drilling on metal objects such as gutters and tin roofs.

Once the nest is established in the spring, the female lays from six to eight white eggs. It takes the young about 12 days to hatch, and they then spend another 25 to 28 days in the nest. Flickers may raise two broods during one season.

Flickers have held the interest of humans for some time and have been known to eat from the human hand. They will visit feeding stations as suet and seed are sometimes part of their diet. Up until 1973 the yellow-shafted, the red-shafted, and the gilded flicker were all thought to be different species. Since they inter-mate and hybridize freely, all three have been grouped into one specie and are known as common flickers.

Kidder-Stacy

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"They are a very important part of this community," stated Council President Richard Theroux of Kidder Stacy. "The town stands to benefit from their expansion in terms of more jobs that could be available to our residents and also in increased tax revenue."

"We cannot afford to lose an enterprise like that, especially when we are looking for ways to increase our industrial base," he added.

Need For Council Action

Members of the Airport Acquisition Committee voiced similar sentiments at their October 22 meeting at the Cooper Street Library. Also in attendance was Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos, who told the membership that he wants the council to become more actively involved in helping the committee formulate plans to purchase the Bowles Airport site.

The Airport Committee said that the 300 acre parcel would be a perfect location for Kidder Stacy's planned expansion. Member Dale Melanson said that Committee Chairman Paul Fieldstad had met with Chevalier to suggest a possible Kidder Stacy expansion to the Bowles site.

The Bowles parcel is currently owned by the Republican Company, owner of the Springfield newspapers, who holds title to the tract. Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc., a firm attempting to bring pari-mutuel racing to this community, holds option to buy until January 1.

Committee members voiced frustration over a pending court case between Pioneer Raceway and the State Racing Commission. Pioneer Valley Inc. is appealing a decision rendered by the Racing Commission stating that because the racing firm could not produce documented evidence that Agawam legally approved racing in the 1930's. There is no proof of local site approval.

Must Have Proof

Local site approval is a pre-requisite under the law and the state agency cannot issue a racing license unless documented evidence exists. Mrs. Melanson said State Senator Alan Sisitsky believes the litigation will be reviewed in December.

Airport member Charles Lukas noted that the committee's "hands are tied" until the court, in this case Suffolk Superior, makes a ruling.

"This racetrack thing is holding us up from making a positive step to actually buying that land," Lukas said. "If we can put together a package for the council, we can then give Kidder Stacy a positive direction to a very nice piece of land."

Mrs. Melanson and the committee agreed to ask State Representative Edward Connelly to speak on the town's behalf with the State DPW.

Caputo said he has suggested to Chevalier the possibility of relocating at the Bowles site during his discussions with the plant vice-president.

Special Meeting

Chevalier held a special meeting with his employees last week and reported to them the company's present dilemma. He told employees that if expansion plans are not approved, Kidder Stacy will close the Main Street facility over an approximately 5 year period.

Chevalier stated that a decision will be made on the situation by the end of November.

Solitario Back With Smaller Development

Local developer Frank Solitario, who abandoned plans for a 668 unit condominium project last April, is again attempting to bring a condominium complex to a tract at Suffield and South Streets—but this time, Solitario plans a smaller and more modified project for the 99 acre parcel of farmland.

Sparked Comment

Solitario's recent announcement has sparked comment from two Planning Board members who voted on opposite sides of the table when the original project was reviewed and subsequently accepted by that municipal board early last spring.

Long time board member Robert Bergin told the Advertiser/News that he will not support Solitario's new plan which includes a reduced number of condominium units - from 668 to 450 - a small shopping center and a buffer strip of approximately 20-25 single family homes.

Planning Board newcomer Harold Ellis, who came under intense fire for his strong support of Solitario's original proposal, told the Advertiser/News that while he is still "uncommitted" at this time, "it shouldn't be hard to project how I will vote once the developer comes before the board."

According to Solitario, the development will cost an estimated \$25 million and construction will be extended over a four year period. He said he will ask the Town Council to re-zone 65 acres off Suffield Street from agricultural to residential in order to install his planned condominium units.

Buffer Strip

Solitario noted that the buffer strip, with the compliment of single family dwellings should alleviate previous criticism of his project from residents of the Suffield and South Street areas.

Solitario observed, "I think this plan is much more attractive than the original one. I made a number of modifications and also believe that people will take a closer look at it this time. When I brought it before the community last winter it came at a bad time," he added in reference to the Beltrandi Business Park and initial race track proposals, both of which hit the community at approximately the same time as Solitario's proposal.

Bergin however, remained firm in his earlier stand that stated the community has little or no control over the development once the developer receives the zone change.

No Safeguards

Remarked Bergin, "An A-3 zone change (which Solitario is seeking) does not provide the town the proper safeguards. The community can only enforce what the zone ordinance states and I don't believe it's anywhere near sufficient."

Bergin noted that until the community adopts a new A-3 zone ordinance that provides additional protection against the developer, he will remain opposed to Solitario's project.

Citing the town's Master Plan, Bergin said that it specifically states that the community should not commit any additional land to an A-3 zone until a revised

plan is formulated.

When contacted, Ellis said he hopes the community will take a "good hard, mature look" at the new Solitario proposal which will appear before the Planning Board sometime in December.

Came Under Fire

Ellis came under fire from a number of South and Suffield Street residents last spring when he asked for a special Saturday morning session of the Planning Board to reconsider an earlier negative vote against the Solitario proposal.

Ellis, along with board members Louis Chickette and Charles Calabrese voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Council while Bergin and former board chairman Ronald Huot remained opposed.

Ellis criticized Bergin for taking a narrow view of the control the community has over the developer in an A-3 zone. He said, "If you look at the ordinance, it gives the community control over drainage installation, utilities and on site traffic control. The Planning Board does not have to sign any site plan until the developer meets their requirements. What more do they want?"

Criticized LPVRPC

As in the past, Ellis scored the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission for their role in helping the eventual withdrawal of the first Solitario proposal.

He said he would oppose seeking assistance from the LPVRPC as the Planning Board had done previously. "That group is not interested in the well-being of Agawam. Their opposition to Route 57 bypass."

Building Inspector Joseph Conte, who said he was neither for nor against the new Solitario proposal, commented that his interpretation of the A-3 ordinance gives the town "proper on site control of such a development."

As Building Inspector, Conte said, he does not have to issue any building permit to the developer unless the developer conforms to the Planning Board's wishes on drainage, utilities, and traffic. Conte said that if the Planning Board feels the development will create a traffic strain on the surrounding area, he does not have to issue a building permit.

Appeared Before ACT

Solitario has appeared before the steering committee of the Agawam Citizens Together organization to discuss his new proposition with the most vehement critics of his original proposal.

While ACT president Daniel Lacinski declined to comment on ACT's current position on the second proposal, he did state that ACT again is most concerned about a traffic hardship for the area and that ACT remains unconvinced that condominiums are the best alternative for the parcel of farmland.

Solitario said he expects the present Council to review the proposal before Christmas. He plans a 1980 ground breaking. A two-thirds vote of the Council is mandatory for the zone change after a public hearing has been held on the proposal. The Council has until February, 1980 to take a final vote.

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issue is past history and from everything I have found, the Building Committee did things properly."

The U.S. Economic Development agency awarded the town the federal dollars needed to begin construction under the Westman administration.

The ABA claims that the Building Committee failed to follow bidding guidelines mandated by the EDA. Architect Alfred Casella also came under fire from the ABA, prompting both Bickford and Borgatti to label the criticism of Casella as "malicious and totally uncalled for."

According to Bickford, Casella was appointed by a Library Building Committee in 1973 when the Halladay tract in Feeding Hills was considered for a possible library site. When the council scraped that plan, Bickford explained, Westman continued the appointment for the Cooper Street site.

Mrs. Curry said she was surprised by the FBI probe. As a member of the Library Review Board, she says the "issue was closed last spring."

Mrs. Curry said the intent of the Review Board was not to act as an investigatory commission. She said the Building Committee demonstrated that their procedures were within the law.

"The issue was settled last spring and I question the intent of bringing it up again. I don't think it's all that honorable," she added.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad, who chaired the Building Committee, could not be reached for comment. Fieldstad said the committee had done "an outstanding

job in constructing the library", when interviewed by the Advertiser/News in January.

Fieldstad pointed to the saving of \$60,000 in construction costs as a true gauge of the committee's concern for federal and municipal dollars.

When contacted, Leary said the ABA's investigation was completed last April and that he would not involve himself in the FBI investigation.

A strong critic of the Building Committee, Leary met several times with the municipal board when the Review Committee conducted its series of review sessions.

"As far as I am concerned, the matter is over," he said.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sealed proposals for SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL will be received until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, November 19, 1979 at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications available at Authority office.

Phyllis M. Mason
Executive Director



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

I was amazed to learn recently that the school dental program was not funded for the current school year!

The School Committee is on record as being unanimously opposed to this action. I would remind Mr. Caputo and members of the council this program was returned to the schools back in 1974. Since the budget was tight that year, the Agawam Women's Club donated the proceeds of their "Craft Show" to help the first year, and may I further state, were the organizers of the program.

To quote Dr. Robert Gardner, who was then Superintendent of the Agawam Public Schools:
"Dear Mrs. Fuller:

I was most pleased and gratified to see the project for dental hygiene in the schools, under taken by the Agawam Women's Club, has become a reality. Since the Women's Club project was undertaken in 1974 especially to meet the needs of middle income family children whose dental care is expensive, a dental hygienist has been added to the public health department staff.

The needs of Agawam school children for dental hygiene and examination by professionally trained help have been apparent for many years. With your continued effort, the help of the Town Council, Town Manager, Public Health Department, Agawam Lions Club, and the school staff, the program has materialized."

Need any more be said!!!

Gentlemen, I intend to fight this action as I am sure interested parents of school children are unhappy about the disruption of this program.

In closing, I would like to tell whomever advised not budgeting \$4,000 for the part-time dental hygienist that you were ill-advised. Why were we [School Committee] not told of the pending action? Think about it, gentlemen. You will hear more on this subject in the future.

Sincerely,
Jessie D. Fuller
Registered Dental Hygienist

Letter To The People of Agawam

My dear friends,

I gather that once again the various groups that can profit so highly from the development of gambling interests are desirous of convincing the citizens of Agawam to go ahead.

How fascinating that in the very week that they were making their last appeal, the newspapers should feature so many examples of persons on trial for attempted corruption and influence of gambling operations relating to tracks and betting syndicates.

Since that time a careful reading of Newsweek and Time magazines certainly should convince any sensible-minded person that it requires an incredible amount of supervision to even try and control gambling interests and race tracks of any sort.

Again I urge you, as I did before, to review carefully the history of what has happened in other areas of our country and in other communities that have allowed the gambling operations to take hold. If you wish to have your local money support the Mafia who are eventual profit-makers, not the local citizens, then do go ahead and invite the tracks to begin. But do not be deceived and think that it will bring great profits to local industry or citizens. Such profits as may exist will quickly be siphoned off to other parts of our country. Do hold firm and keep Agawam as the nice community which we know it to be.

Faithfully yours,
Alexander D. Stewart, Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Western Mass.

To The Editor:

Tuesday, November 6, is the day the silent majority in Agawam can do their duty and help lower our taxes by expressing our feelings on the race track issue.

How often does anyone find an investor willing to put up 3½ million dollars in a town to improve an existing decaying building, also possibly creating 200 jobs for people in our community?

It will be like an oil well gushing wealth into our community. Let us show all the other towns and cities that they were wrong about when it comes down to what happens to race tracks.

With inflation rampant, let us bite the bullet and prove that we have a winner in our town with the race track.

Taxes will certainly be lowered and the whole community will benefit by it.

This is a free country and our town is large enough to handle it with its four access roads.

And when the new Route 57 becomes a reality, a rotary is already slated to be right next to the racetrack property. Let's not be fools and let this gold nugget slip away from us.

It's a past proven fact that no committees or commissions will ever do anything with the land.

I believe the only businesses that it will eventually be

suited for are trucking, warehousing, and smelting. It is zoned for that at present. Heavy trucks damage roads and create a lot of noise 24 hours a day.

This is a case where private enterprise puts up 3½ million dollars and takes his chances. They are the ones who gamble. If they don't make it, at least we will have a modern and up to date building to rent out instead of the dilapidated old one which now is a danger to anyone walking around there. Try driving around there and take a look for yourself before you vote. See what I mean!

The modern racetracks are beautiful and well care for. These are not the days of the past. Today the issue is "get taxes lowered" and have a sport in our won backyard so we won't have to drive many miles to enjoy it.

Name withheld upon request
Agawam Citizen

To The Editor:

The Quiet Efficiency of Agawam's Government

Though we normally are required to pay our taxes on November 1st or be penalized, as of this writing, not only have we not received our tax bills, but it is my understanding that the tax rate has not even been sent to Boston for approval. Is this "quiet efficiency"? Or?

With town elections due on November 6, I have to question, "Are we in fact going to realize the tax reduction promised us? And for that reason, are those in charge holding back, until after elections? I would like to think I'm wrong, but!

Being somewhat familiar with town politics in Agawam, Hummm! The manager quoted a \$4 tax decrease. We have heard repeatedly about a 'Zero Based Budget'. Had this been the case, would we have had a 4½ percent increase in operating costs? I think not. But rather we should have had a greater tax decrease. Quiet Efficiency.

The fire union contracts and poor administration in the fire department was the reason the manager used for excessive overtime expenditures in the fire department. In reality wasn't the manager himself responsible? He negotiated the contract and he signed the contract. Yet he is condoned in his actions by the 'Quietly Efficient' councilors. The manager stated that though 24 streets have been paved, top notch administration would result in the \$4 tax decrease. In my opinion, the streets that were paved resulted in a waste of taxpayers money in that the thin coating of material applied will not stand up to the traffic and weather they are subjected to. It would have made more sense to do fewer streets at a time and do them properly.

If in fact we do realize a tax reduction, it will be because of state and federal monies returned to our town and not because of top notch administration.

On Tuesday, October 23, the manager, on television, asked those who suffered damage from the October 3 tornado to write to him by Friday, October 26 (3 DAYS) so that he might apply for aid for them. Did our 'Quietly Efficient', top notch administrator procrastinate too long? Will these unfortunate people get the aid they desperately need?

I sincerely hope the new council will not adopt "Quiet Efficiency" because, remember, the squeaking wheel gets the oil.

A.D.

To The Editor:

In Agawam, the coming election ballot will contain four questions. The outcome of a yes vote on question one and two, which pertain to town government, would be hard to predict, unless one had a crystal ball to see the future.

However, one doesn't need a crystal ball to predict the outcome of a yes vote on questions three and four, which pertain to horse and dog racing. For it can only be a repeat performance of what has happened in every town that has a racetrack.

Act one: A couple of well-dressed promoters just happen into town. No one seems to know if someone saw them or if their vision is so farsighted they saw the proposed site from miles away.

Act two: The public hearing is held. It hasn't been widely publicized, just a small legal notice in the local paper. Racetrack towns are full of citizens who didn't know this was the battle cry and they missed it. They now live with what they could have fought.

Act three: It's happened, your town has a racetrack. Citizens, get ready to change your pattern for living, for you will no longer be able to move freely about your town at certain hours. Do you shop at a local supermarket on Saturday around noon? Not anymore; that's matinee time at the racetrack. Go to church late Saturday afternoon? Not anymore; the matinee is letting out now. Going anywhere any evening between 6:30 and 8:00? Not anymore; the cars are coming from Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield, Southwick, Chicopee, Northampton, Palmer, Orange, and Hatfield. If these names seem familiar, it's because they are communities that have already said "No" to a racetrack.

In Agawam, act three hasn't started yet, and the promoters are waiting in the wings. The performance doesn't have to go on, but only you, the voters, can stop it. Please do. Vote No on racing questions three and four November 6th.

Mary E. Ghedi

From The Editor's Desk

by Pat Guerin

I have lately become the victim of a very common and widespread illness in Agawam - *Apathy*. After a very relaxing vacation this summer, it seems that I have not been willing or able to become mentally involved in the political machinations of Agawam. However, with an election less than a week away, I know that now, more than ever, I must care about the direction in which my town is moving.

I am fed up, as most of you probably are, with the constant state of unrest which seems to plague the Agawam political scene. How, I ask myself, can our leaders get anything accomplished when they are either too busy attacking their colleagues or defending themselves against the attack of others?

On Tuesday, November 6th, we, as voters, will be asked to choose which form of government we think is best suited for Agawam. Some choice. We can choose the mayor/council form of government - but who will run for mayor? We can choose the manager/council with a nine member council voted at-large. Fine, but what if 5, 6, or 7 of the council members all happen to be from the same part of town? There is much to be said for precinct representation. We can choose to remain as we are - a manager/council with a 15 member council elected by precincts.

The only fly in the ointment in the latter case is that many of the people running for the 15 man (or woman) council have publicly stated that they are in favor of the mayor form of government. Many of these people are highly qualified and would make excellent councilors, but can they work efficiently and effectively if the manager form of government is kept by the voters?

It is a difficult decision, but one with far reaching implications. The choice really isn't much of a choice, but it must be made. It is imperative that you go to the polls and vote on Tuesday. It is also imperative that you vote on all of the questions. In the case of the charter changes, a failure to vote on your part may make a winner out of a loser. If you want a manager/council form of government where a nine member council is elected at large, then vote 'yes' on question 1 and 'no' on question 2. If you prefer a mayor/council government, vote 'no' on question 1 and 'yes' on question 2. If you wish to keep the present manager/council with 15 councilors (12 from six precincts and 3 at large) then you must vote 'no' on question 1 and 'no' on question 2. The question with the most 'yes' votes will win - if you don't vote on the questions, you may inadvertently be aiding the cause of something you don't like.

To The Editor:

In testimony before the House Committee on Community Affairs a few years ago, I pointed out to this committee the danger of having the position of Chief of Police outside the framework of Civil Service. Specifically, I zeroed in on the obligation implied or presumed and the insecurity that such an appointment carries when the chief law enforcement officer is appointed without first qualifying for such a powerful position.

So, where do we find ourselves today? There are allegations that the Chief of Police has intimidated the citizens right of petition and the right to assemble, a constitutional right to hear testimony at public hearing about the widespread discrepancies found in the educational and managerial background of the person that appointed him Chief of Police,---the manager, Peter Caputo, and the whitewash that followed behind closed doors by the Town Council.

To be objective, one has to ask, "Why?" Why was the Chief of Police the only person to go to the Clerk's office and obtain a copy of the petition that called for a public meeting on these two subjects? He said, "because he wanted to know who signed it." But ask yourself, for what reason? Some say it was a "hit-list" of sorts. But for whatever reason or label that is attached to his actions, there is no doubt in my mind he was fulfilling an obligation to the manager that appointed him.

This is a very uncomfortable position for those that signed this petition and for those that may want to sign a petition in the future, no matter what the issue may be. Until the Manager, who is not only the Police Commissioner but the sole member of the personnel board, convenes an investigation into the allegations our rights under the constitution to freely petition our government and assemble peacefully will be left up to the Chief of Police. Sound familiar?

There are residents in this town that have confirmed to the Daily News that they were approached by the Chief of Police and felt intimidated by his remarks but they are not ready to step forward. It has been rumored that one of these residents, if elected, will go before our flag and swear to uphold the Constitution. But, if true, this resident will not be alone in this procedural sham. There are fifteen members of the council that took this same oath two years ago and what have they done about this issue. Not a thing.

This government that we presently have and the people that lead it are unsafe. There is no accountability. We are inhaling the exhaust fumes of a very deceitful administrator and a very deceitful administration.

D.J. Desmond

SPORTS

Stuart Leads Brownie Romp Over Comp

Whatever ailed the Agawam Brownies in their loss to Westfield a week ago was placed on a back shelf and quickly forgotten as the townies, propelled by mighty-mite halfback Dave Stuart, slammed the Chicopee Comp Colts 40-12 at Harmon Smith Field last Saturday.

Stuart, only a junior, weaved and bobbed for a remarkable 277 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. His performance was the finest exhibition by a Brownie infantryman in five years.

Brownie buffs remember that one, too, and Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe, then the locals head coach, still boasts as if it happened just the other day. Fullback Shawn Sullivan wore the hero halo in that one as he bulled for 328 yards in a heart-breaking loss to a Chicopee High powerhouse in 1974.

"Give them all the credit; they blocked and blocked, sometimes moving them 10 yards down the field. I just found that once I got into the secondary, there were openings so I took advantage of them," he explained of his performance.

By the time Stuart called it a day early in the final period, Agawam had built and padded their halftime cushion to 40-6.

Leclerc, the AA Conference's best all-purpose signal caller, heaved a 9-yard strike to senior tight end Brian Sweeney to climax a ball control march of 13 plays in the third quarter.

Also in period three, the senior showed his running prowess with a 31-yard keeper into paydirt terrain and that's all she wrote. Leclerc's connection to Sweeney, by

the way, was his eighth via the air lanes this season and was Sweeney's first varsity grab for a touchdown.

Chicopee Comp, feeling a bit shell shocked by now, finalized the game scoring in the fourth period when Bob Fortin hit Steve Roux for 17 yards.

Speaking of Sweeney, the walk-on defensive end was named defensive player of the contest along with linemate Larry Roberts. Also checking in with a sound performance was middle linebacker Joe Pezzimenti, who continues to amaze the coaches since he plays with a variety of ailments, bumps, and bruises.

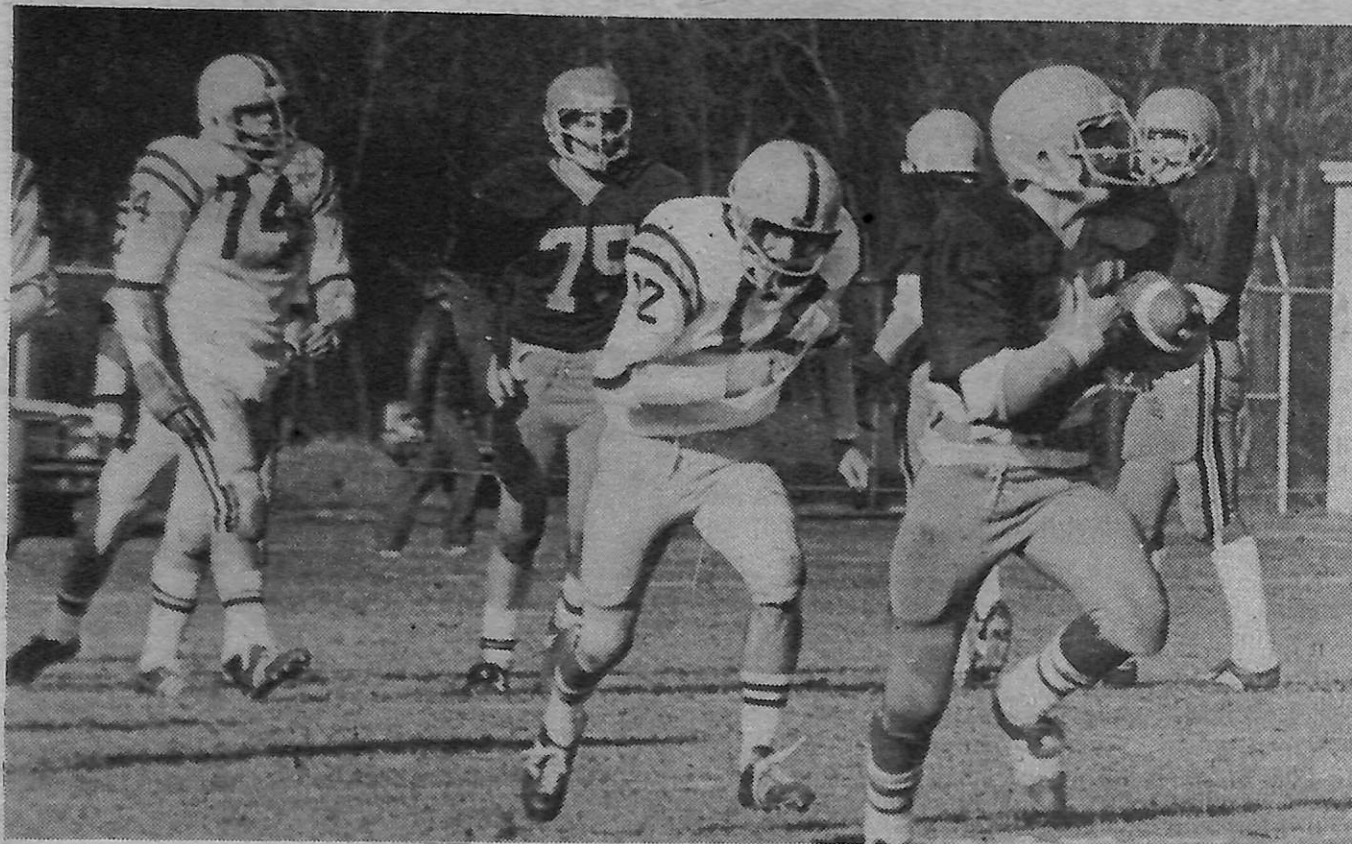
Stuart, naturally, was labeled the game's top offensive player. He carried the pumpkin 20 times, which is a seasonal high for a Brownie ground attack that usually features an assortment of backs darting into the opposition's wall.

"How many times do you see one of our guys carry the ball 20 times in one game?" noted Michalak. The second-year mentor offered that only one other time during his coaching career did a runner have such a remarkable afternoon. "That was when I was at Cathedral several years ago," he remembered.

Michalak also mentioned that his charges had their best week of practice in prepping for the Colt encounter since they lost to Holyoke 26-20 nearly three weeks ago. "We were ready for this one," he cracked.

Agawam, which rolled up some 475 yards total offense, raised its record to 5-2 while snapping a two-game losing streak.

The townies next face Michalak's old club, the Cathedral Panthers, Saturday at Harmon Smith Field. Agawam downed Cathedral a year ago in Michalak's rookie season at the Brownie helm.



It was this kind of afternoon - Brownies running for daylight in a 40-12 romp over Comp. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

"What can you say about a performance like that?" beamed the locals present coach Jack Michalak. "It's a rare thing to watch and we just sat back and enjoyed it from the sidelines," he added in reference to the Stuart show.

The junior dynamo, who now possesses 587 yards rushing for the '79 campaign, was Agawam's saving grace in the backfield as regulars Dan Beaudette and Kurt Toomey were absent from the lineup.

Beaudette, a speed merchant halfback in his own right, tallied the Brownies initial six-pointer on an 8-yard dash to paydirt early in first quarter activity.

Beaudette suffered a broken wrist soon after, which paved the way for Stuart's third start of the season.

Michalak said the news on Beaudette's status is anything but promising and is a doubtful performer right through the locals Turkey Day clash against arch-rival West Springfield.

"Dan will get his cast removed about a week before Thanksgiving and then we'll sit down and decide whether he can play," Michalak explained. If folks use their memory banks, they will recall that the thunderbolt senior, who has been Agawam's bread and butter man throughout this fall, also was injured late in the schedule a year ago.

Stuart and the rest of the aroused Brownies fully regained their lost emotion and intensity for the Colts. The locals never allowed the visitors a chance to breathe, prompting Michalak to exclaim, "I thought this was our best team performance of the season. Both lines dominated the trenches and we reacted quickly, especially on defense."

Comp found themselves in the ball game only temporarily in the opening period at 7-6 when Ron Disome reached the flag on a 12-yard rush.

With Stuart leaving Colt defender in the dust with 60 yards here, 20 yards there, Agawam made the end zone their home by halftime. Leclerc found his perennial target, senior split-end Abe Yacteen for 27 yards for a 21-6 advantage midway through period two.

The catch marked Yacteen's eighth touchdown of the season, six of which have come from Leclerc's aeriels.

Stuart, who kept the calculators working overtime during that opening-half salvo, sandwiched TD runs of two and six yards around the Yacteen grab. The junior back, who is best known for his work in the defensive secondary, now has three touchdowns this year. He also had an astonishing 212 yards as both teams retired to their respective locker rooms for the station break.

Following the rout, Stuart credited his offensive line for opening up gaping holes in the Comp defense as the key to his success story.

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Agawam Soccer Association Standings

GIRLS 6-8 DIVISION

Piccoli's Tornados	5-0-2 (12 pts.)
Willard's Red Sox	4-0-4 (12 pts.)
Phaneuf's Bananas	1-4-2 (4 pts.)
Whittaker's Demons	1-4-1 (3 pts.)
Auchy's Raiders	1-4-1 (3 pts.)

GIRLS 9-14 DIVISION

Tallons's Hot Stuff	9-0-0 (18 pts.)
Myrna's Raiders	7-2-0 (14 pts.)
Waryasz' Cosmos	4-3-2 (10 pts.)
Mickey's Roadrunners	2-6-1 (5 pts.)
Vacirca's Green Machine	2-6-1 (5 pts.)
Woodruff's Ramblers	1-8-0 (2 pts.)

BOYS 6-8 DIVISION

Gravel's Teamen	6-1-0 (12 pts.)
DiLullo's Cosmos	5-1-1 (11 pts.)
DeBonis' Atoms	4-1-2 (10 pts.)
Rose's Sounders	4-2-1 (9 pts.)
DiMascola's Tornados	4-2-1 (9 pts.)
Drapeau's Aztecs	4-3-0 (8 pts.)
Cosgrove's Rowdies	3-3-1 (7 pts.)
Emery's Headers	1-6-0 (2 pts.)
Pinney's Roadrunners	1-6-0 (2 pts.)
Nickerson's Express	0-7-0 (0 pts.)

BOYS 9-11 DIVISION

Gieger's Diplomats	9-0-0 (18 pts.)
McCarthy's Rowdies	8-1-0 (16 pts.)
Lathrop's Roughnecks	6-3-0 (12 pts.)
Sullivan's Cosmos	6-3-0 (12 pts.)
Noll's Strikers	4-2-3 (11 pts.)
Sanderson's Tornados	4-4-1 (9 pts.)
Mallioux' Sounders	3-4-2 (8 pts.)
Fuller's Headers	2-7-1 (5 pts.)
Poole's "Up-1"	2-7-0 (4 pts.)
Kozloski's Express	1-6-2 (4 pts.)
Mickey's Roadrunners	0-8-1 (1 pt.)

BOYS 12-14 DIVISION

Fairlie's Orange Crush	7-1-3 (17 pts.)
Hollinger's Rowdies	6-1-4 (16 pts.)
Frogameni's Roughnecks	5-5-1 (11 pts.)
Horne's Diplomats	0-11-0 (0 pts.)

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Little League Baseball Sign-ups Scheduled

The sign-ups for Little League Baseball will be held at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, on November 7th and 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There are many advantages to playing in the Little League, such as a national affiliation with Little League, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; the fact that all games and practices are held at the Little League field and Phelps School on School Street; the dedicated coaches; the rule that every child must play; and the schedule which ends the first week in July, except for all-star players.

Their age groups are as follows: 5-6, Instructional, \$5.00 fee; 7-9, Minor Division, \$5.00 fee; 10-12, Major Division, \$6.50 fee; and 13-15, Senior Division, \$6.50 fee.

There must be an adult present to sign-up their child on the dates indicated.

Soccer Alumni To Play

Soccer teams from former days will meet the present day teams on the field at the high school on Sunday, November 11 beginning at 11 a.m.

Members of both the boys and girls varsity teams will participate against "old timers" from recent and past soccer teams.

At 11 a.m. on Sunday the women will take the field -alumnae versus varsity. At 1:30 p.m., alumni will test their skills against the present boys' varsity.

Both coaches of today's varsity forces, Barbara Stevens and Paul Blodgett, feel that they have well-tuned teams that can more than offset the drives of the alumni/alumnae "old timers."

This action-packed double header can be seen for \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students and free for children 10 and under. Tickets are available at the gate on the day of the event, and games will be played rain or shine.

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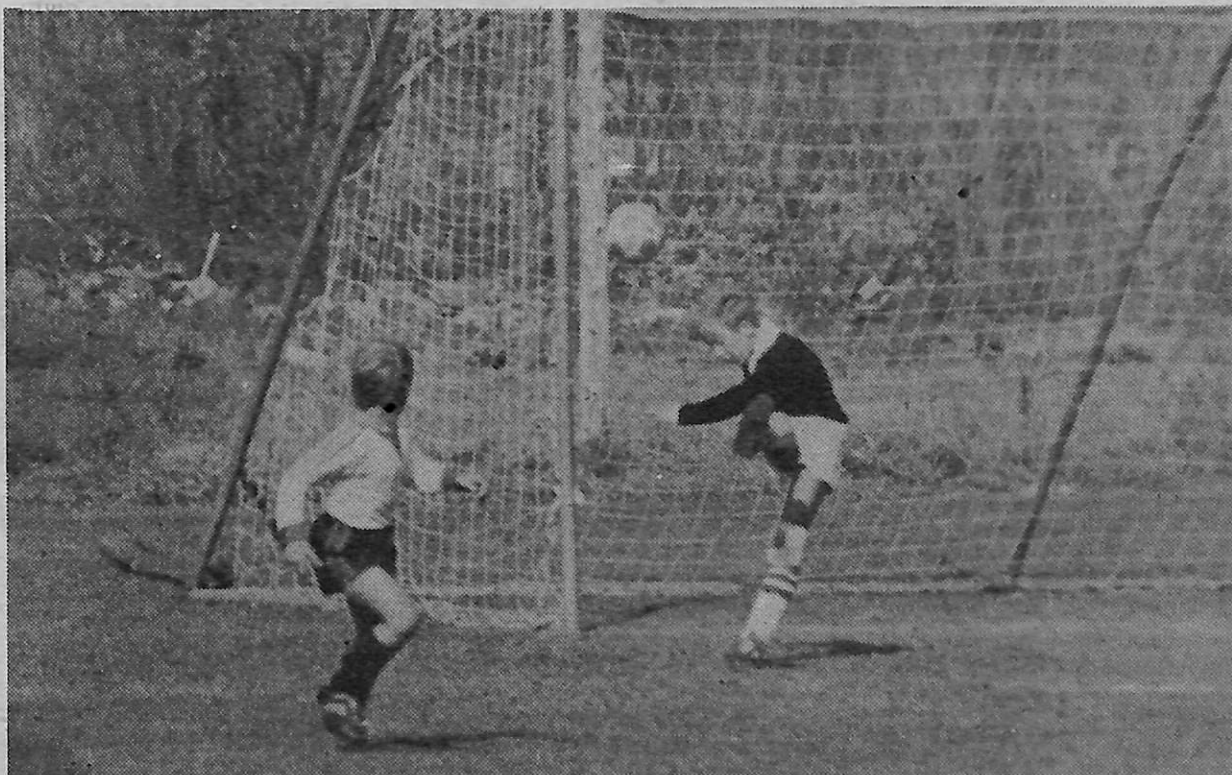
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Jr. High Football Team Blasts Comp 32-12

Breaking out of an offensive slump, the Agawam Football Warriors exploded for an excellent 32 point outburst to defeat the Chicopee Comp Colts. The win enabled the "Young" men to bounce back from last week's tough 13-0 loss to Westfield and up their record to 3-2.

Chicopee Comp received the opening kick-off and drove down the field to score, the touchdown being scored on a 3-yard plunge.

The Agawam team was still suffering from the let-down of learning that Nash Field has no goalposts, yardlines, or sidelines. Comp's quick TD woke them up, however, and the defense smothered the rushing attempt for the P.A.T.

At this point, the Warriors offense came in and completely took over. Offensively, Agawam controlled the ball on the ground so thoroughly that they did not have to punt once.

Behind the hard-charging aggressive blocks of the offensive line - Mark Goodwin, Shawn Simpson, Doug May, Joe Bonfitto, and Mike St. Germaine - the Warriors' backs all gained big chunks of yardage.

Halfbacks Mike Beaudette and Leo Chenevert and fullbacks Dave Houlihan and Al Feeney all ran with reckless abandon, taking handoffs and pitches from QB Steven Young.

Al Feeney topped all rushers with 168 yards on 12 carries.

Also blocking extremely well were the wide receivers: Rod Bush, Mike Govoni, Shawn Uschmann, and Jeff Vandergrift, and the tight end Frank Rondoletto.

Agawam's first score came on a 4-yard power blast off tackle by Mike Beaudette. QB Steve Young attempted to rush for the P.A.T., but was turned back, leaving the score tied at 6-6.

The Warriors' defense held, and the offense got the ball back and moved it back down the field. Agawam caught Comp unaware with a touchdown pass to Frank Rondoletto, who made a brilliant catch of the pass that deflected off Beaudette's hands. Leo Chenevert blasted over, behind a wall of blockers, for the P.A.T. to make the score 14-6 at halftime.

As the second half began, fullback Dave Houlihan quickly capped a ground drive with a 45-yard scoring sweep around end, and, not to be outdone, fullback Al Feeney, on Agawam's next possession, broke behind tackle Mark Goodwin's block and charged 55 yards to paydirt, bringing the score to 26-6.

The Comp QB, taking advantage of a mix-up in the Warriors' secondary when the defense played one man short for a couple of plays, swept around end and then cut back against the grain for a 30-yard touchdown. The defense recovered quickly and squashed the P.A.T. attempt.

The Colts then successfully tried an onside kick, but defensive end Mike St. Germaine soon stopped an attempted QB sweep, forced a fumble, and then recovered it for the Warriors' offense. Feeney then took off on a 60-yard touchdown dash to lock the game score up at 32-12.

Playing well on defense for Agawam were Leo Chenevert, Frank Rondoletto, Dave Houlihan, Mike Raimondi, Shawn Uschmann, Mike Beaudette, Gary Gingras, Tony Grasso, and Steve-Young.

Also hitting hard and not allowing Comp much yardage were Mike St. Germaine, Joe Bonfitto, Clark Dore, Ron Swift, Mark Goodwin, Eric Lunden, Steve DePalma, Shawn Simpson, Mark Longhi, and Rich Witek.

On special teams, especially kickoffs, fearless Tony Grasso once again distinguished himself as did kicker Clark Dore, who kept booming high, deep kicks at the Colts' return men.

In a special "fifth" quarter for the smaller, less experienced 8th graders, Dan DiSanti, Bill Landry, Kevin O'Keefe, Matt Orr, Dennis Sliech, and Mark Tessicini all played hard and well both on offense and defense.

The Warriors close out their season this Friday at Cathedral. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

[Once again, the Advertiser/News would like to thank the coaching staff of the Jr. High team for providing this article.]



Selected as 'Outstanding Players of the Week' for the Agawam Brownies were, from left: Dave Stuart, offense; Larry Roberts, defense; and Brian Sweeney, defense. Players received passes to the Showcase Cinemas compliments of the Agawam Booster Club. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

S.H.A.A. Changes Girls Softball Program

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association announces an important change in its girls' 13-15 softball program. This year, the association will not sponsor any teams in the Suburban League. Instead, it will form its own intramural softball league for girls of this age group.

All games will be played at the Sacred Heart field at 8 p.m. under the lights. Signups will be held in March at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on dates to be announced in the Advertiser/News and in the church bulletin.

AAA Monte Carlo Reminder

Please don't forget the Monte Carlo night at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills on November 16 at 7 p.m.

This night will help to defray the expenses of sending Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 girls' soccer team to Virginia to participate in the East Coast Soccer Tournament this month.

This team has been the Pioneer Valley champions for two years accumulating 26 consecutive wins.

Your participation is needed and will be appreciated. Tickets are available from team members, the A.A.A. and at the door the night of the event.

The A.A.A. will be at the polls on Election Day selling tickets to their Monte Carlo Night scheduled for November 16 at \$1.00 per ticket.

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Soccer Brownies Bite Tigers; Greenfield Bites Back

By Charles J. Duclos

Agawam High School's varsity boys' soccer team bagged Springfield Tech's Tigers with a 1-0 nip.

In the 4th period, Tony Cortese stabbed one through the mouth of the goal. This winning action was started by Jim Duda, who brought the sphere to within striking distance, but had his shot deflected by the Tiger goalie. In the mad scramble, Tony picked it up.

Tech narrowly missed scoring in the third quarter when the black-and-white rebounded off the cross bar. Deflecting downward, the Brownies' goalie, Dave Gilbert, enveloped it to prevent the Tigers from telegraphing a tally.

On October 23, Greenfield moved into Agawam's Shea's Field to hand the Brownies a 1-0 loss. The game was a super effort on the part of both teams.

Three successive corner kicks by Greenfield in the second period failed to penetrate the goal, as the Brownies in an outstanding team effort, frustrated and held the men from the north at bay.

Action deep into the third period directly in front of the cage gave Greenfield the opportunity to scoot one past Agawam's goalie, Dave Gilbert.

On a penalty kick directly on goal, which is considered by many players and fans to be an almost-sure point getter, Gilbert made a spectacular stop and kept Greenfield's advantage to 1-0.

In their last two times out, Agawam has looked better than they have on some other occasions. The play was fast and the game action-packed.

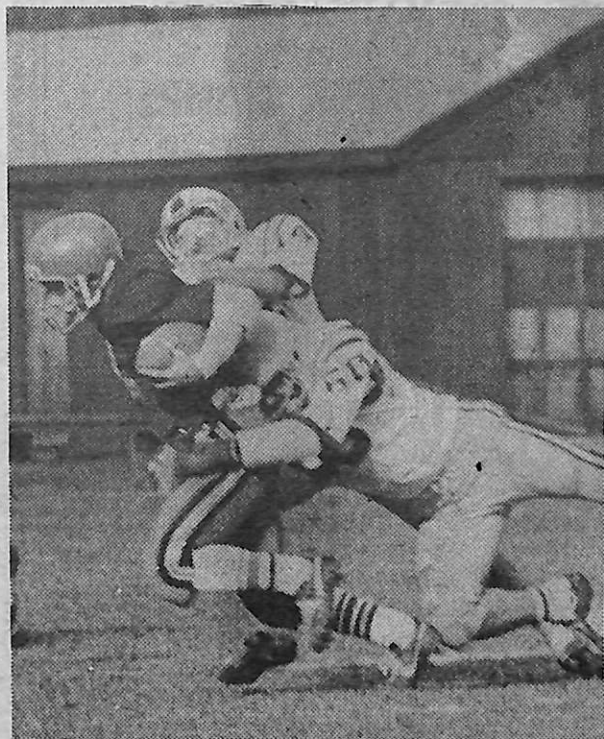
Todd Griffen has been covering the right forward area exceptionally well and has not let anyone intimidate him.

Jim Duda, Jim Bodurtha, and Kenny Roberts aren't slouches either. For that matter, none of the Brownies are.

The weather has been great; the action has been fast-paced; the opponents have provided some heart-stopping moments; and the excitement of soccer really does make it a "kick in the grass."

Statistician Lisa Wysocki, travelling record-keeper for the soccer team, should be commended for her devotion to duty and for the care she takes in her job.

Regardless of the weather or playing action, Lisa always places herself in a strategic position so that she can keep a sharp eye on the action, thereby enabling her to keep accurate and vital records. We know that Coach Paul Blodgett and his team are most appreciative of her efforts.



A pair of Comp defenders stop David Stuart after the junior halfback picked up 15 yards. Stuart ran wild throughout the afternoon for a remarkable 277 total yards. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine



Welcome To My World

By Charles Duclos

A.H.S. Turns Profit

Agawam High School's boys' varsity soccer team turned their business into a profit recently by downing Springfield's High School of Commerce soccer team 4-0 on the business field.

Proving the old adage that "two heads are better than one," Gene Arseneault used good business sense when he headed a sure mark-up to Bart McCarthy, who gave the Brownies their first margin of profit.

In the second period, trading was active, but the quarter took another upward swing when Dave Beck started a pressure situation against Commerce. Beck drove a hard bargain but managed to trade-off to Bart McCarthy when the commercial school started to close in on him. Mac, in turn, set Dave Wheeler up in business, and "Wheels" took off like a rocket and sent the Brownies' point indicator up another notch. The half ended with Agawam two full points ahead of Commerce.

In the third and fourth periods, trading was moderate to heavy. Dave Wheeler on a neat exchange to Bart McCarthy allowed the "Little Mac" to left-foot a whopper into the mouth of the cage. Billy O'Brien showed keen business management and crafty manipulation of his product. Just before closing time, Billy pawned his ware off to McCarthy, who again slyly put it over the goalie's head. All in all, Agawam came away with a nice profit for an hour's work.

Bill O'Brien Makes Big time

Bill O'Brien, coach of the Agawam Athletic Association's girls' 13-14 soccer team, made it into the big time recently. During the AHS-Commerce soccer tilt, the Brownies' coach Paul Blodgett had to minister to one of his injured players. O'Brien was requested to sub for about five minutes and those of us who know him must say that he met the challenge admirably. In his brief stint as the helm, O'Brien's Brownies didn't give up a single tally. That's not surprising, though, as his own team is not scored upon often, either. Can we expect to see him on "Soccer Made in Germany" soon?



Glenn Geddis just misses pouncing on Comp quarter back Bob Fortin during second period action Saturday. The Brownie defensive eventually stamped the overmatched Colts. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

Agawam AA Girls Win Valley League

The Agawam Athletic Association's Girls 13-14 soccer team has just won its second consecutive Pioneer Valley Soccer League Championship.

These girls, who are going to Arlington, Virginia, to play in a big invitational tournament which has teams from most of the eastern states plus from Georgia, Texas, and Canada, have compiled quite a record over the last two years.

This year they are undefeated with 12 wins, no losses, no ties. They have outscored their opponents by a lopsided margin having scored their 64 goals while allowing only 4 by the opposition.

Last year while winning the championship they were again undefeated with a 12 wins, no losses, no ties record. They also outscored their opponents by a wide spread of Agawam scoring 72 goals and allowing just 2 against.

The Agawam A.A. girls have compiled over the last two years an outstanding record of 24 wins. They have incredibly outscored their opposition with a tally of 136 goals for Agawam and 6 for everyone else.

These girls got their soccer beginning with the AAA's girls soccer league.

The girls will be active this year at all of the voting polls selling tickets to the Monte Carlo night they will be having on November 16th at the Polish American Club. So remember when you go to vote, plan to buy a ticket from the girls and help send them to Virginia to represent Agawam.

Team members are Karen Albano, Lisa Chevalier, Debbie Dalton, Linda Desmaris, Michelle Duclos, Sue Ellen Goehlert, Diane Goodman, Lena Kozloski, Maria Kozloski, Julie Miodowski, Jennifer O'Brien, Pam Rowan, Lee Anne Sandlin, Kelley Slamon, and Michele Quagliani.

The team is coached by Bill O'Brien and Shari Baldarelli.



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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

You can run into all sorts of situations while camped in the wilderness in Vermont. In this particular area, the deer jacks are very active. Every night since I have been here the resounding blasts of rifles is heard around 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. I guess the high cost of meat in this country is having an effect on the deer population.

I finally diagnosed the working of a deer. The run they used went through a group of apple trees with little cover, and then down to a large tree loaded with apples while an adjacent pine tree provided the perfect cover for a tree stand. I placed my stand in the tree in the early afternoon so as not to startle the deer with the commotion and noise.

At four o'clock I climbed into the tree stand and prepared myself for the long vigil I was expecting before the deer came down to the tree I was covering. Around four thirty, a van pulled up and parked out on the road. Two hunters dressed in camouflage started across the field towards me. I whistled and secured their attention. Years ago, when a bowhunter unintentionally blundered into another bowmen's stake out, he waved and vacated the area. Not these two jokers. One of the men drove the van down the road a way, and his buddy planked himself in amongst the grass and low weeds 30 yards from me on the run. The obvious happened. The three deer appeared around 5:10 and the waiting hunter bagged the largest doe. The van had Mass. plates on it and a sticker on the back window read 'Lunenburg.' I hope the hunter chips his teeth on the deer meat.

Just to show you the opposite characteristics of hunters, here is a true saga that happened this past Sunday. Gene DeGrampi, Ed Goyette's nephew, hit his first deer with an arrow Saturday night in Dover, Vermont. He and his companion followed the blood sign til dark and gave up for the day. Next morning they picked up the deer's trail and came upon two hunters cleaning out the spike horn. Gene notified the men that they were dressing out his deer. One of the hunters explained that they came upon the animal and discovered that it was in good condition and were about to salvage the meat. He finished cleaning the deer and told Gene to drag it out. He pointed out that Gene had hit the deer and it was his. Besides, he wanted to shoot his own animal. The spike horn weighed 90 pounds.

The last part of the week, I became involved with a deer camp of eight hunters. What an experience. Brother, in this camp you had to be able to take a razing as well as dish one out.

Local hunters at the camp were Bill Duncan, Bob Couture an Don Sprandel, Paul Vershon from West Springfield and the youngest in the camp, Ray Tomkunes, Al Panceria and Bill O'Hare from Connecticut, and Bob Vik from New Hampshire. The group

looks forward to their annual vacation and really relax and let it all hang out, so to speak. Bill O'Hare arrived Friday afternoon and couldn't find a town clerk with non-resident licenses. They just simply had run out of them. He finally located one in Londonberry, Vermont, stormed up to the orchard he wanted to hunt, climbed fuming into his tree stand. Five minutes later four deer came out to feed. He pulled back his compound bow and bagged his first deer in seven years. The sad part of the episode is that the weather turned so warm that he had to pack up and head home before the meat spoiled.

Hilarity and an air of never knowing what would happen next prevailed in the camp. For example, at the evening meal, the windows and doors were open because of the 70 degree weather. Bob Vik, who was sitting across from Don Sprandel, suddenly reached out and picked a white moth out of the air and popped it into his mouth. Don stared for about a split second, turned white and made a hurried exit. He lost his breakfast, dinner and part of his supper.

One evening, after an exasperating day of trying to out smart the wily critters, Bill Duncan announced that he was going to put on a three piece suit and become a Beechnut salesman. When the deer came forward to ask the going rate of beechnuts, he was going to ambush them.

Last year, they put a series of small bells under the insulation in Al Panceria's car. All the way home he could hear the bells ringing. He figured that when he got home he would look for them. However, after arriving home he became occupied with other things and put off looking until after work the next day. On the way home from work, a woman smashed in the trunk of the car at a stop sign. Three days later a very perplexed body man called Al. He wanted to know what kind of car Al had. Everytime they started to pull out the trunk, bells began ringing. Al is known around town as the "little old bell ringer."

I didn't bag a deer in Vermont, but my hunting hours were enjoyable and my non-hunting hours were fabulous. New York is next on the list. Hope to bring back a big Buck. If I don't, nothing is lost - good companions and just being in the woods without a care is a coveted experience.



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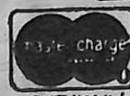
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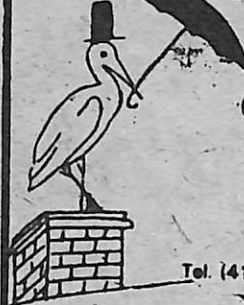
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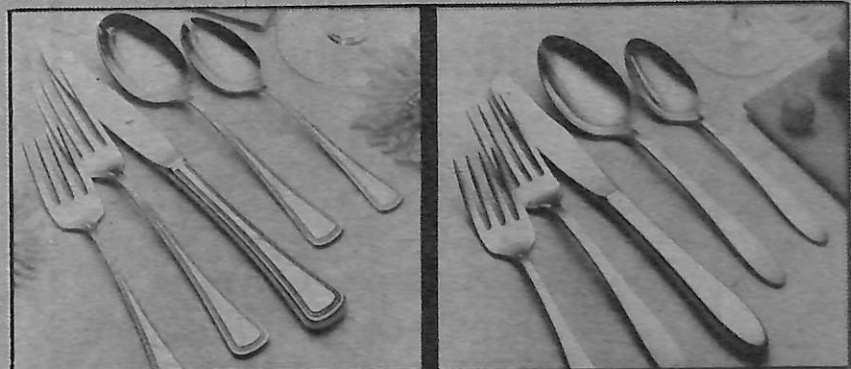
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